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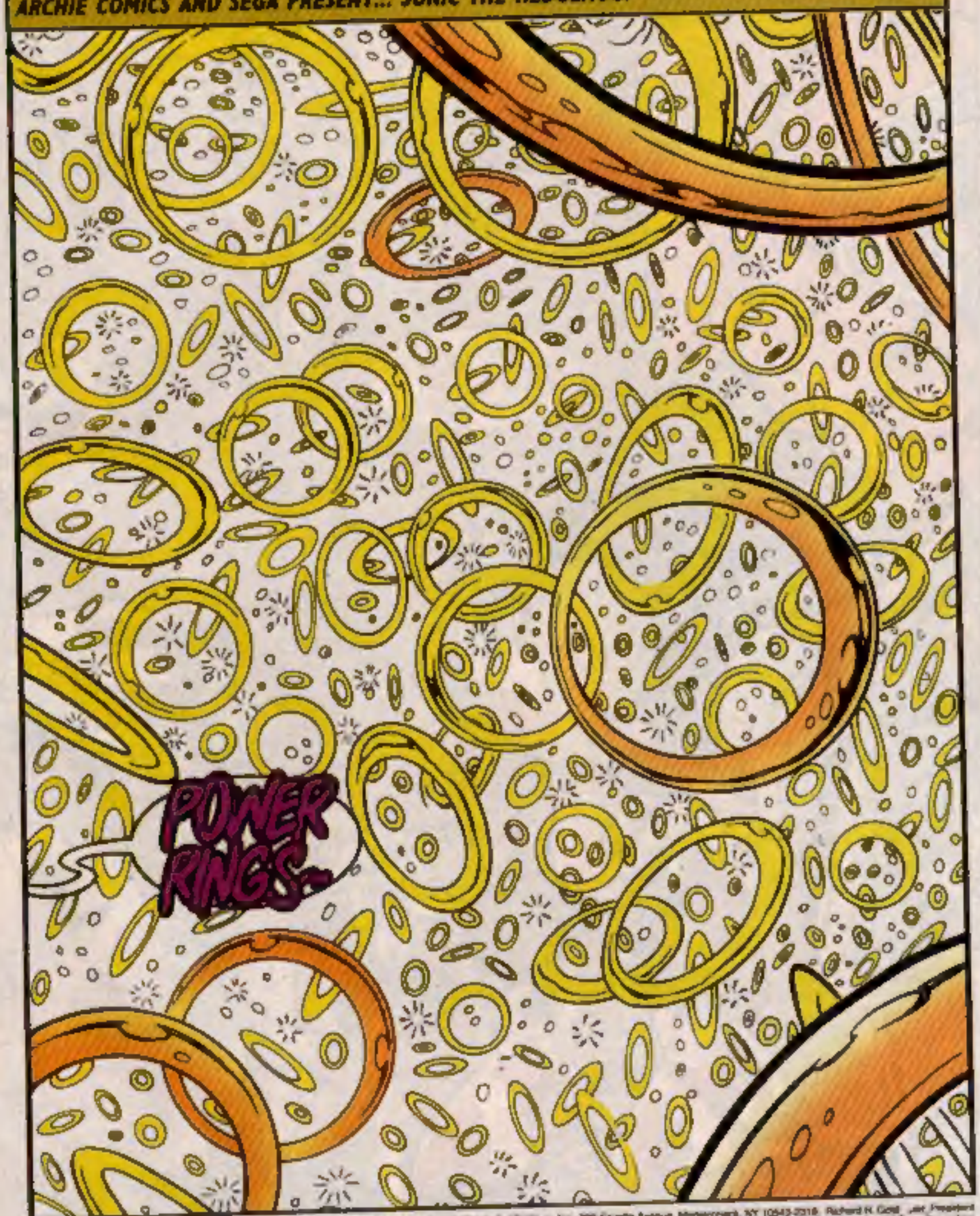

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--YOU'VE GOT A WHOLE *MESS O'* POWER RINGS IN HERE, *NATE!*

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YES, I DO, *SONIC.*

YES, I *DO.*

I FORGED THEM MYSELF ...EACH A NEAR-LIMITLESS POWER SOURCE.

WAY PAST COOL...

RAARGH!

THEN AGAIN...

YO! WHAT'S UP WITH THAT? ME AND TAILS 'RE THE GOOD GUYS, REMEMBER?

I BELIEVE, SONIC, THAT EDDY WAS ONLY TRYING TO INFORM YOU...

...THAT I WON'T HAVE THE RINGS' POWER EXPLOITED BY OUTSIDERS LIKE THE SORCEROUS IXIS NAUGUS WHO ATTACKED THIS FORTRESS -- MY HOME -- EARLIER!"

EXPLOITED?!

OUTSIDERS?!

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ALL WE'RE SAYING IS... POWER RINGS ARE SO RARE ...JUST THINK OF ALL THE GOOD YOU COULD DO WITH THESE!

YOU COULD EVEN MOVE BACK TO MOBOTROPOLIS AND HELP US--

NATE -- FRIEND! NATE -- STAY!

HE CAN TALK?

A LITTLE BIT IN OUR LANGUAGE...

...AND A LOT IN HIS OWN!

DON'T YOU FRET, EDDY! I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE!

MY DAYS AS A LOYAL CITIZEN OF MOBOTROPOLIS WERE OVER LONG AGO!

OH, THAT'S GREAT! JUST GREAT!

LISTENIN' TO YOUR STORY* MADE ME THINK YOU WERE A HERO! IT EVEN GAVE ME HOPE FOR OVERLANDERS**!

BUT NOW, I SEE YOU FOR WHAT YOU ARE -- SOMEONE WHO WAS ONCE A HERO, BUT NOW CHOOSES TO HIDE HIMSELF AWAY BECAUSE OF A FEW BAD BREAKS!

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WHY CAN'T YOU BE A HERO AGAIN, NATE?

BECAUSE IT NEVER WORKS.

RUMMMBBBLLL!

WHOAH!

LOOK, SONIC! THE WALL OF THE CAVE -- IT'S CHANGING!

I SEE IT, TAILS! IT'S TAKING ON A SICKENINGLY FAMILIAR SHAPE! IT'S --

"-- IXIS NAUGHS!"

GREETINGS ONCE MORE, QUICKSTER! I'VE USED MY ELEMENTAL MASTERY OF THE EARTH TO INFILTRATE NATE MORGAN'S SO-CALLED FORTRESS AND FINALLY FIND HIS POWER-RING STORE-HOUSE...

...AND NOW IT ONLY REMAINS FOR ME TO USE THAT SELF-SAME POWER TO ELIMINATE ALL OF YOU!

KER-RAK-T

EDDY -- WE'VE BEEN CUT OFF FROM SONIC AND TAILS!

WAIT, EDDY! PUT ME DOWN!

THE CEILING HAS COLLAPSED!

NATE -- FRIEND! NATE -- STAY!

I CAN'T, EDDY! THEY'RE BURIED!

"HOLD ON! I SEE SOME *MOVEMENT*...

"UH-OH! WE'D BETTER *MOVE* OUT OF THE *WAY*, EDDY..."

RUMMMBBBLL

KA

SHM

...IT LOOKS LIKE THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME *TROUBLE*!

NATE MORGAN IS NOT ONE FOR *UNDERSTATEMENT*, BUT EVEN *HE* COULD NOT HAVE PREDICTED *THIS* TURN OF EVENTS!

THE POWER RINGS ARE NO MORE--

--ALL HAVE BEEN *ABSORBED* INTO THE THREE TRANSFORMED FIGURES BEFORE HIM!

BUT JUST HOW MANY RINGS HAVE EACH OF THEM USED TO BOLSTER THEIR OWN UNIQUE *ABILITIES*?

FIFTY?

ONE HUNDRED?

A THOUSAND?

AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT WILL THE *CONSEQUENCES* OF SUCH ACTIONS ULTIMATELY BE?

THE AGED GEO-PHYSICIAN DOES NOT HAVE LONG TO WAIT BEFORE HE RECEIVES HIS ANSWER.

THE SINISTER FIEND, IXIS NAUGUS, IMMEDIATELY BEGINS INSCRIBING ARCANE SYMBOLS INTO THE VERY AIR AROUND HIS BEING--

--WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, REVEALING HIS INTENT! WITH HIS NEW-FOUND POWER, HE NOW TOILS TO OPEN THE DOORWAY TO AN ALTER-NATE REALITY CALLED--

--THE ZONE OF SILENCE!

HE HAD ACCIDENTALLY DONE SO YEARS AGO, BACK WHEN HE WAS STILL MOBOTROPOLIS' ROYAL WIZARD, BORED WITH THE GREAT WAR BETWEEN THE MOBIANS AND THE OVER-LANDERS--

--IXIS LEFT THIS PLANE OF REALITY TO EXPLORE ANOTHER.

THE COOL, BLUE RADIANCE PRO-JECTED BY THE BEING THAT LEAPS TOWARD IXIS, INTERRUPTING HIS RANTING, IS NOT THAT OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.

AND, WHEN THE ENERGIZED SPEEDSTER ANNOUNCES HIS NAME-- ULTRA-SONIC --HIS VOICE IS CHANGED AS WELL.

IXIS REPLIES WITH TWIN JETS OF OPTICAL FLAME--

--THAT ARE HOUSED BY A MENTALLY CONSTRUCTED SHIELD OF ICE WATER, GENERATED BY THIS NUISANCE OF WHICH HE SEEKS TO RID HIMSELF.

WHILE ULTRA-SONIC QUICKLY RELAYS THE SITUATION TO HIS AIR-BORNE ALLY, HYPER-TAILS, THE ZONE OF SILENCE BEGINS TO SPILL INTO REALITY AT IXIS' BEHEST.

FOR IT IS IN THAT OTHER-PLACE THAT THE FORMER ROYAL WIZARD FOUND HIS MAGICAL SKILL GREATLY ENHANCED.

AND FOR AS LONG AS HE REMAINED THERE, HE WOULD ALWAYS BE A BEING OF ABSOLUTE POWER.

HYPER-TAILS THEN SETS HIS SQUADRON OF FEATHERED FAMILIARS UPON THE VILLAN TO MAKE SURE HISTORY WON'T REPEAT ITSELF.

BUT WITH A WAVE OF A MORE-THAN-CAPABLE CLAW, HYPER-TAILS' CHIRPING CHARGES ARE SUDDENLY FROZEN IN FLIGHT.

NATE-- FRIEND! NATE-- STAY!

NO, EDDY! I CAN'T LET THIS GO ON!

THE COMBATANTS' FURY ESCALATES WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT.

BOILING LIQUID SPLASHES AGAINST A WALL OF CONSTRUCTED GRANITE --

--AND IXIS TELLS OF HOW HE MET AND GAINED THE ALLEGIANCE OF THE MOBIAN CALLED FEIST--

--WHO WAS BANISHED TO THE ZONE OF SILENCE A SHORT TIME AFTER IXIS HAD ARRIVED THERE

HOW DARE YOU WRECK MY HOME, NAUGHTY?

AFTER A MONSTROUSLY PIERCING CACKLE AND A MISTIC GESTURE LATER NATE'S SWEPT OFF HIS FEET--

--AND INTO THE ARMS OF A VALIANT VULPINE!

THEN

WHAT HAPPENED, TAILS?

I CAN'T REMEMBER, SONIC FEEL SO WEAK..

INCREDIBLE! THEY BOTH SEEM TO HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF THEIR TRANSFORMATION!

ugh.

THE RINGS' ENERGY WAS NEVER MEANT FOR THIS TYPE OF USAGE THEY'VE BURNED THEMSELVES OUT ..

WHILE ITS POWER GROWS DANGEROUSLY OUT OF CONTROL!"

IT WAS THAT IDENTICAL MASTERY OF ATOMIC PARTICLES THAT ALLOWED HIM TO TRANSFORM ALL WHO ENTERED HIS ZONE--

--THE WARLORD KODOS, KING MAXIMILLIAN ACORN, ARACHNIS AND MANY OTHERS--

--INTO CRYSTALLIZED FORMS. THEY WERE GIVEN THE ABILITY TO CONTROL THEIR CRYSTALLIZATION THAT ENABLED THEM ALL TO SURVIVE THE RAVAGES OF THAT LOST LOCALE AS LONG AS THEY REMAINED LOYAL TO IXIS. THEY BECAME HIS LEGION.

SOON, THOUGH, NAUGUS WILL NEED NO ONE. THE ZONE OF SILENCE WILL HAVE REPLACED THIS REALITY AND IXIS WILL REIGN SUPREME ONCE MORE!

BUT THERE IS ONE LOOSE END THAT REQUIRES TYING UP

.. THAT IS HOW THE EVIL WIZARD SEES NATHANIEL BEAUREGARD MORGAN--AS A LOOSE END AND NO MORE

KLIK-KLAAK

AND HOW DOES NATE SEE IXIS?

IN A NEW LIGHT! AN INSTANT LATER

WOOOSH

KA-ZARCH

...AND THE BATTLE IS OVER

WITH BUT A WISH, TRUE OF HEART, FROM THE POWERFUL HIDDEN RING IN HIS EYE-PIECE... IXIS IS GONE AND THE ZONE OF SILENCE HAS BEEN RESEALED.

AND THE HEROES..?

uhh.

RUMMMBBLL

WHOOPS! ANOTHER AVALANCHE?

ROWRR!

EDDY?

OH NO!

EDDY! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE--

"--BEFORE THE ROOF CAVES IN"

I'M ON IT...

...WITH MY TRIPLE-S SPIN!

THOOM

I FEEL LIKE I'VE RUN ALL THE WAY TO MOBOTROPOLIS AND BACK. I FEEL SO TIRED.

THEN IT'S UP TO ME, SON C!

NATE WAIT!

I CAN'T! HOLD ON, EDDY.

HOLD

OH

NATE... FRIEND!

NATE... GO!

THOOM

EDDY!

NATE MORGAN, IN ALL OF HIS TRAVELS...

.. WHETHER HE WAS AMONG OVERLANDERS OR MOBIANS

.. HAD NEVER EVER KNOWN WHAT VICTORY MEANT ..

.. AND SO WAS NOT AWARE THAT IT SOMETIMES HAS ITS PRICE

TODAY, NATE HAS FINALLY WON A BATTLE.

.. AND AT LAST AROUND DEARLY.

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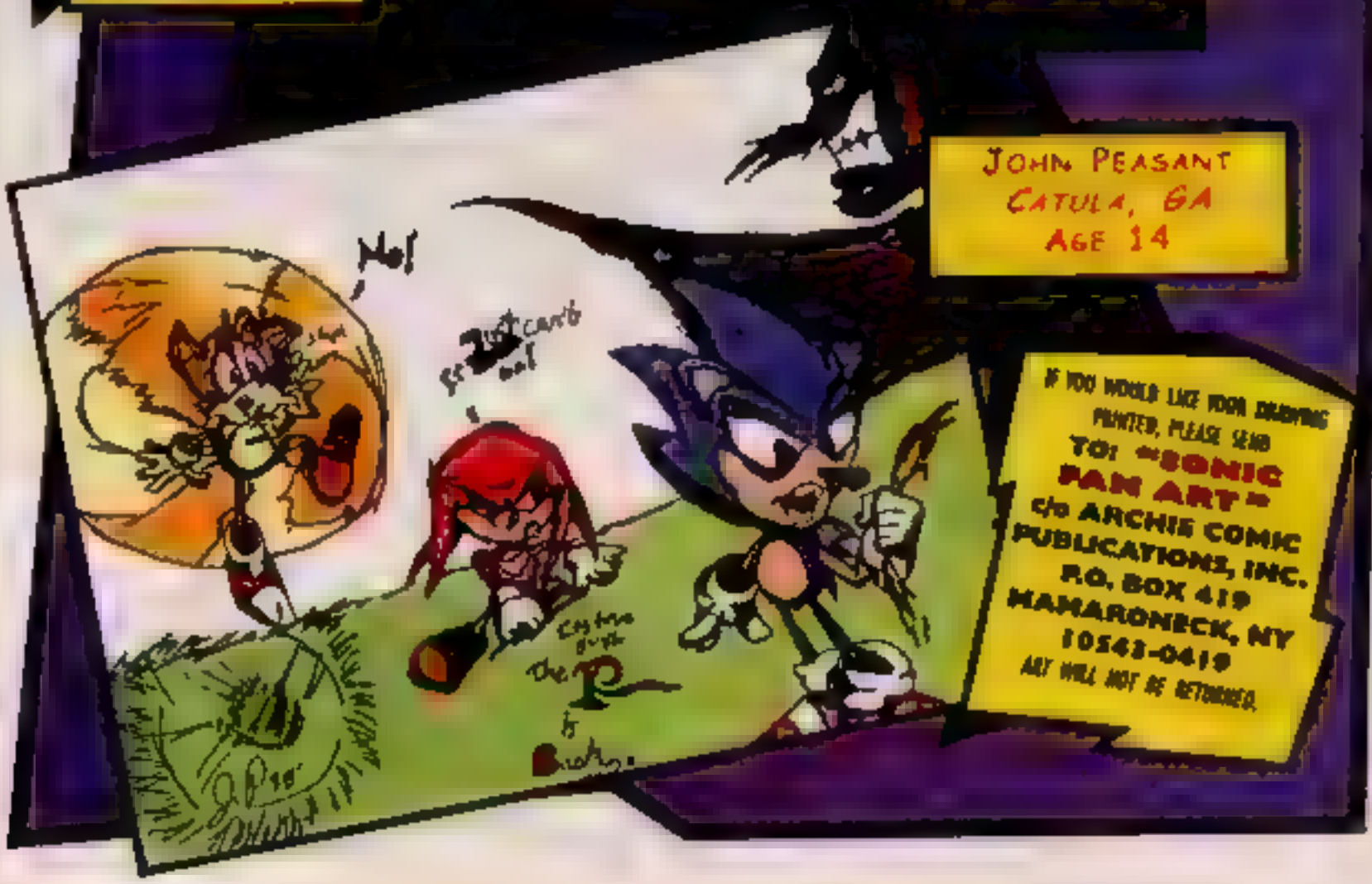

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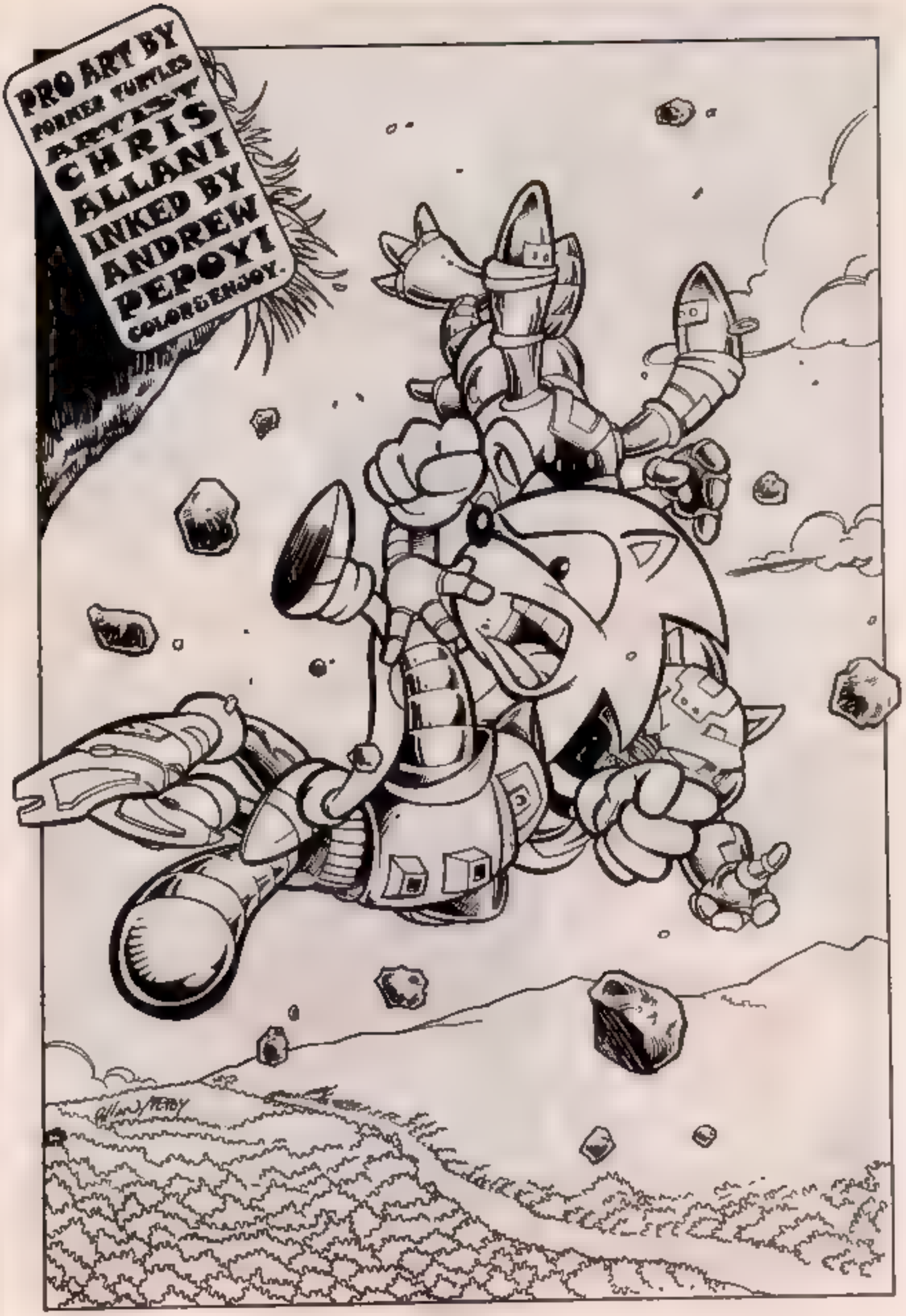
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AND THEN THERE WAS ONE
(or the until now untold origin of Ixis Naugus!)

NO ONE RECALLS WHAT HAPPENED ON PLANET *MOBIUS* BEFORE THE FINAL *DAYS OF FURY* OVER HUNDRED YEARS PAST.

ALL THAT IS KNOWN IS THAT ON THAT DAY, A *SIGNIFICANT CATACLYSM* SHOOK THE CONTINENTS TO THEIR *VERY FOUNDATIONS*--

--AND *WIPED OUT* ALL *HISTORICAL* RECORDS THE WORLD OVER.

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STILL THERE ARE THOSE..

POOF

..WHO SEEK THE *HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE* CONTAINED WITHIN THE PAST

ONCE AGAIN WE HAVE MET WITH *FAILURE*, BROTHERS!

AGUNUS, SPEAKS THE *TRUTH*, NJSGAU! EVEN OUR *COMBINED SPELLS* CAN NOT ALLOW US THREE TO GLEAN WHAT CAUSED THE *DAMAGE* TO OUR WORLD CENTURIES BEFORE!

THAT MATTERS *NOT*, SUGUNA! IF WE CANNOT HARNESS THOSE SAME ENERGIES THAT SHATTERED THE GLOBE PREVIOUSLY, THEN THE *ANCIENT ORDER OF IXIS* SHALL DEVISE OTHER MEANS WITH WHICH TO *ACHIEVE POWER!*

I HAVE HEIGHTENED MY MYSTICAL ABILITIES TO GIVE ME NOT ONLY *COMMAND* OF THE WIND, BUT OVER YOUR NATIVE ELEMENTS AS WELL!

LIES! I AM THE ONE *SOLE* MASTER OF THE EARTH!

AND I OF THE WATER!

PETTY, *FOOLS!* HAVE WE NOT TRADED THE SECRETS OF NATURE'S ELEMENTS WITH EACH OTHER TO *COMBINE* OUR MIGHT? OR DID YOU *FORGET* THAT EACH OF US NOW *POSSESSES* THE SAME ABILITIES?

THERE IS ONLY *ONE LAST ELEMENT* TO CONTROL AND THEN WE SHALL BE *UNSTOPPABLE!*

BUT TO DO SO, WE MUST EMERGE INTO--

--THE SUNLIGHT!"

IT IS FROM IT'S SOURCE THAT WE SHALL LEARN THE SECRET OF... *FIRE!*

"FIRSTLY, WE SHALL USE *AGUNUS'* *EARTH POWERS* TO CROSS OVER THE TERRAIN...

"...SECONDLY, IT SHALL BE *SUGUNA'S* *WATER-CONTROL* TO *NAVIGATE* THE SEA...

"...AND LASTLY, WE SHALL SOAR THROUGH THE SKY TOGETHER USING MY AIR ABILITIES BEFORE ENTERING INTO THE SUN!"

WE SHALL *SEE* ABOUT THAT!

EACH OF THE MYSTICS USE THEIR ARCANE POWERS TO *PROPEL* THEM ACROSS THE FACE OF THE LAND--

--TOWARD THE EDGE OF THE *ROCKY CLIFF* AND THE *CHOPPY OCEANS* BEYOND IT.

LITTLE DO SUGUNA AND NUSSAU *SUSPECT* THAT I HAVE NOT EQUALLY SHARED *MY* ABILITIES OVER THE LAND WITH THEM!

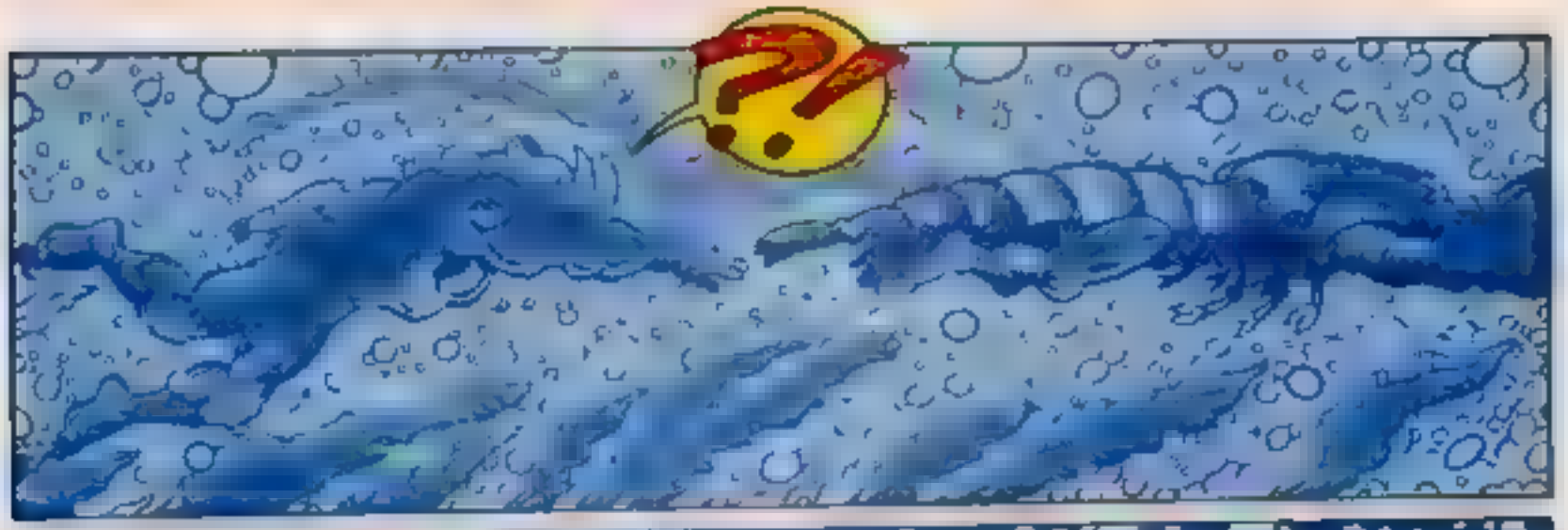
I HAVE KEPT A *PORTION* FOR *MYSELF!*

MY TREACHERY WILL ENSURE MY MASTERY OVER THE SUN'S FIRE AND *I ALONE* SHALL CONTROL THE FOUR ELEMENTS!

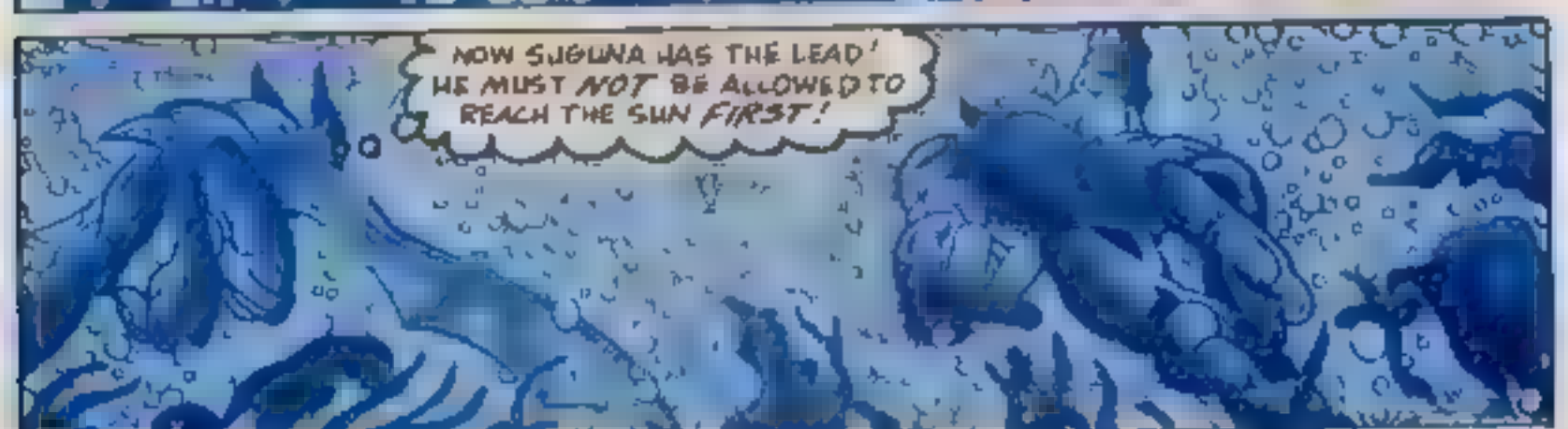
SPLOOSH

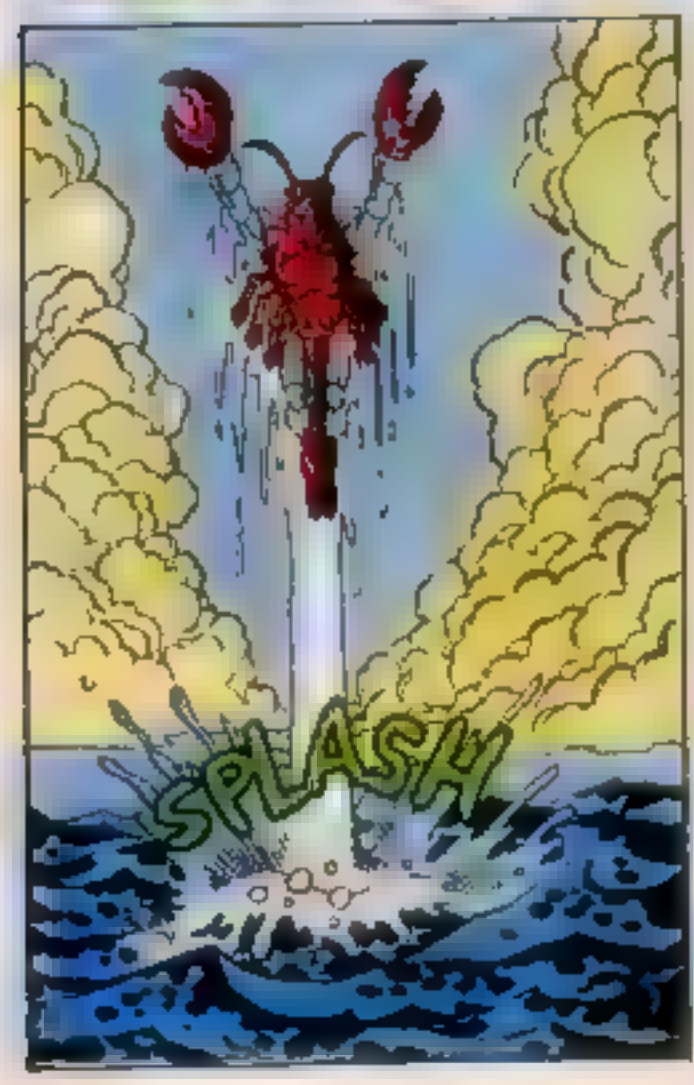
I CAN SCARCELY BELIEVE THIS! AGUNUS HAS USED *HIS* POWERS TO UNFAIRLY RACE AHEAD OF NUSSAU AND I!

TWO CAN PLAY THAT GAME!



THAT TRAITOROUS CRETIN! HE KEPT A PORTION OF HIS WATER-WIELDING ABILITIES TO MAKE HIM MORE ADEPT AT SWIMMING UNDERSEA! HOW UTTERLY SHELLFISH!


NOW SUGUNA HAS THE LEAD! HE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO REACH THE SUN FIRST!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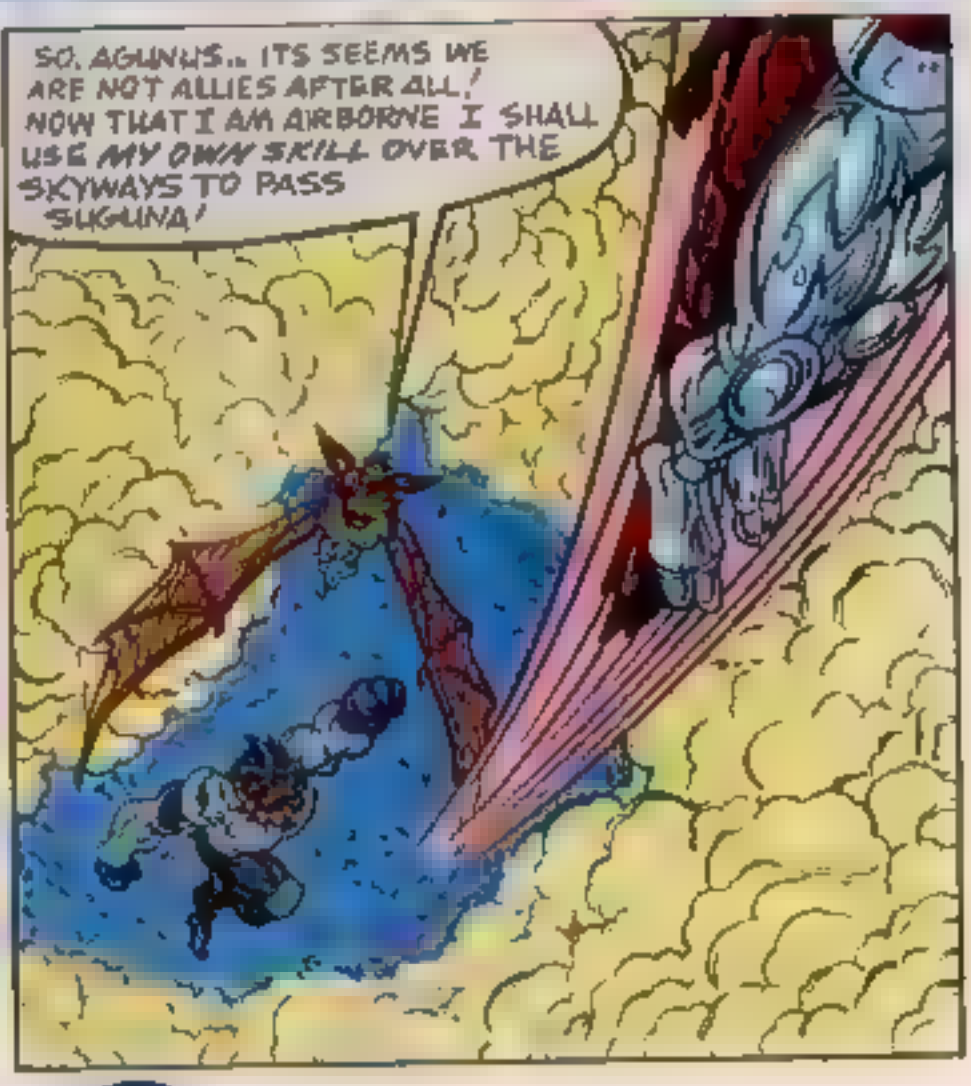
SO, AGUNUS.. ITS SEEMS WE ARE NOT ALLIES AFTER ALL! NOW THAT I AM AIRBORNE I SHALL USE MY OWN SKILL OVER THE SKYWAYS TO PASS SUGUNA!

NOT SO FAST, NUSGAU!

FAREWELL, SUGUNA! BELIEVE ME... YOU DON'T WANT TO BE AROUND ONCE I HAVE THE POWER OF MOBIUS' SUN AT MY FINGER-TIPS!

SURELY IT IS TIME TO FOLLOW AGUNUS' LEAD!

WHY, OF ALL THE UNFAIR--!

UNHAND ME, AGUNUS!

RELEASE ME, SUGUNA!

NEVER--

"--IF ONE OF US GOES..

"--THEN THE ENTIRE ORDER OF IXIS GOES!"

ELSEWHERE ON MOBIUS...

LOOK, FATHER-A FALLING STAR!

MAKE A WISH, MAXIMILLIAN!

AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

CRASH

WHAT IS THAT COMMOTION OUTSIDE OF OUR ROYAL DINING HALL, FREDERIC?

I KNOW NOT, MY QUEEN!

SUDDENLY, THE *OAK* DOORS FLY OPEN TO REVEAL A *BIZARRE* FIGURE...

PLEASE ALLOW ME TO *INTRODUCE* MYSELF... I AM...

...*IXIS NAUGUS*-- A *WIZARD* OF GREAT POWER AND ABILITY!

"I OFFER YOU, *KING FREDERIC*, MY HUMBLE *SERVICES*...

"...AND *TOGETHER*, WE SHALL LEAD THE *KINGDOM OF ACORN* INTO A *GOLDEN AGE!*

A BEGINNING...?

SONIC-GRAMS

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THIS JUST IN!

THE RING CRUSADE!

Next month: *Move over, Indiana Jones, to make room for* **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG** *as he stars in* **"Tomb Raider!"** *Sonic begins a quest to find one of* **Nate Morgan's** *rings, a ring of immense power. However, Sonic must make it through a hidden temple with an assortment of booby traps. Not only must Sonic face the threat of the temple's obstacle course, but in addition, he is faced with the force of a small squad of* **Robian** *troops hiding within its deep crevasses. Will Sonic make it out of the temple with the ring, or will the temple become Sonic's permanent home?* **By Karl Bollers, Steven Butler and Pam Eklund.** *Also,* **Lupe and The Wolf Pack** *back-up story (Part One of Three) begins!* **By Ken Penders and Sam Maxwell.**

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